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Zhivkov's Cuban Trip on Again

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Zhivkov's scheduled visit to Cuba last January was postponed at the last minute because of a "severe throat infection." If Zhivkov's illness was genuine, its timing certainly was convenient. The day before the visit was cancelled the Cubans announced their decision not to attend the Budapest preparatory conference and purged pro-Soviet elements from their party leadership.

Considering the abrasive atmosphere in Havana towards the Soviet approach to world Communism, Zhivkov is not likely to exert a conciliatory influence on Castro's policy toward the proposed International Communist Conference or on Cuba's commitment to national liberation struggles in Latin America. Zhivkov may seek a more cooperative Cuban attitude towards the World Youth Festival scheduled to open in Sofia on 28 July. Cuba is still incensed that Havana was not selected as the festival site and have threatened to boycott the affair and run a counter-festival of their own.

The visit of Bulgarian Minister of Foreign Trade, Ivan Budinov to Cuba in May which resulted in the signing of a new credit agreement may have smoothed the way for the conclusion of other bilateral agreements during Zhivkov's trip.

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Czechoslovak President Calls for New Military Planning

General Ludvik Svoboda has called on military planners to take a new look at "the basic military doctrine of the state."

Speaking on 10 June at the Zapotocky Military Academy in Brno, the new Czechoslovak President criticized the state of military "theoretical thinking" as not "bearing upon the prevailing situation when we still lack a scientific

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development of a basic military doctrine of our state." He charged the academy staff with working out such a military doctrine and to examine the defense system in terms of its relativity to "daily life."

Svoboda's criticism, as well as earlier statements by Dubcek and other leaders, indicate that the position of the military establishment in the new scheme of things is still under examination. The net impression so far is that discussions are centering around military budget and personnel cuts, in addition to a reassessment of Czechoslovakia's Warsaw Pact role. Dubcek has said that the past command structure should be revised.

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Polish Ambassador Michalowski Returning to Washington

At a luncheon given in his honor by the US Embassy in Warsaw on 10 June, Michalowski said that he expects to arrive in New York on 14 June after spending two days in Paris. Although he appeared somewhat "grayer" than last year, he spoke with customary assurance and gave no sign of apprehension. Michalowski also said his son had been accepted at Yale. His other son has been studying at Carleton College in Minnesota.

This puts to rest rumors that Michalowski might not return to Washington from his consultations in Warsaw. Prior to his departure from Washington about three weeks ago, Michalowski himself expressed some misgivings about his future. There are persistent reports, however, that his position is shaky, and that he, like Polish Ambassador Morawski in London, might soon be replaced. Both men probably will be retained at their present posts pending further developments in the domestic political struggle, especially within the Foreign Ministry.

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Indictment Returned in Yugoslav Bombing Case

Borislav Djordje Kornic of Chicago has been indicted for perjury by the Federal Grand Jury in connection with his testimony regarding the January 1967 bombings of Yugoslav offices in the US. The identity of some of Kornic's accomplices is known, but no indictment has been returned against them--apparently for lack of evidence.

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According to a 7 June press release, Kornic has been charged with perjury for denying that he once told of taking part in the bombing of the Yugoslav consulate in San Francisco and for twice giving false testimony concerning the bombings. The fact that even one arrest has been made in connection with the case should smooth over some of Belgrade's ruffled feelings over the delay in finding the culprits.

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